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Agenda item:

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Cabinet Meeting

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Report Title. The Bridge New Deal for Communities Delivery Plan 2009/2010

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Wards(s) affected: Seven Sisters, St Ann's and Tottenham Green

Report for: **Key Decision**

1. Purpose of the report (That is, the decision required)

1.1. To introduce the Bridge New Deal for Communities (NDC) Delivery Plan for 2009/2010 to Members (Appendix A to this report)

1.2. To highlight the NDC Partnership Board's view of its succession and legacy plans for 2009/2010

1.3. For Members to note the contents of the Delivery Plan for the coming year and endorse the Partnership Board's Programme forecast to March 2010.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)

2.1. The Delivery Plan sets down the Partnership Board's Priorities for the Bridge NDC programme over the next financial year including the budget forecast to March 2010. The focus is to ensure that the improvements brought in by the NDC is carried on through *sustainable succession and legacy arrangements*. These are

being achieved by i) careful alignment with LAA targets; ii) working with Haringey Council and key stakeholders to mainstream identified projects and join up local services; iii) implementation of the completed Seven Sisters Neighbourhood Plan that provides an overarching framework for The NDC area including specific sites; and iv) setting up a company limited by guarantee leading to charitable status as part of a health-based and asset based successor body to the NDC.

2.2. The Dept for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) have not yet approved financial allocations for 2009/2010, therefore the financial profile used in the Delivery Plan is still subject to Government Office for London and DCLG confirming that the funding sought is available and to DCLG providing final approval for the Delivery Plan once it is submitted.

3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:

3.1. The Delivery Plan's programme of projects is organised across three themes of Education, Employment and Enterprise; Health, Social Care, Sports and Leisure; Education and Neighbourhood Services. These projects add value across the Council's Plan priorities.

3.2. The Bridge NDC is represented on the Haringey Strategic Partnership and a number of its second tier structures. This is important in the context of the NDC's succession and legacy work as the Partnership continues to mainstream its projects and lessons learnt. The NDC has carefully aligned its activities for 2009/2010 with the four blocks of the LAA to ensure it contributes to the achievement of mandatory and stretch targets. (see tables 3.1 – 3.4, p.38 of the Delivery Plan)

3.3. The Bridge NDC Partnership will begin implementation in 2009/2010 of the Seven Sisters Neighbourhood Plan. This Plan provides a detailed framework and guidelines for socio-economic and physical development in the NDC area, through which it will support delivery of the Community Strategy, Unitary Development Plan, Safer Communities Plan, Regeneration Strategy and Greenest Borough Strategy.

4. Recommendations

4.1. That Members receive the Bridge NDC Delivery Plan for 2009/2010 and note that it has been approved by the NDC Partnership Board.

4.2. That Members also note that the Delivery Plan is subject to formal approval by Dept for Communities and Local Government and Government Office for London.

4.3. That Members note Haringey Council's critical role as Accountable Body both in supporting and in delivering the Bridge NDC programme.

4.4. That Members endorse the Bridge NDC Delivery Plan, which includes activities for succession and legacy for 2009/2010 and endorse the Partnership Board's Programme forecast to March 2010.

5. Reason for recommendation(s)

5.1. Haringey Council as the Accountable Body for the Bridge NDC programme needs to be aware of the activities and investment programme planned for 2009/2010.

6. Other options considered

6.1. Haringey Council is in a unique position as the Accountable Body for the Bridge NDC programme and therefore the endorsement sought in this report is not relevant of other agencies.

7. Summary

7.1 The 9th NDC Delivery Plan (Appendix A) was approved by the NDC Board at its meeting on the 28th January 2009.

7.2 The Delivery Plan sets down the Partnership Board's Priorities for the Bridge NDC programme over the next financial year including the budget forecast up to programme end in 2011. The focus is to ensure that the improvements brought in by the NDC is carried on through *sustainable succession and legacy arrangements*. These are being achieved by i) careful alignment with LAA targets; ii) working with Haringey Council and key stakeholders to mainstream identified projects and join up local services; iii) implementation of the completed Seven Sisters Neighbourhood Plan that provides an overarching framework for The NDC area including specific sites; and iv) setting up a company limited by guarantee leading to charitable status as part of a health-based and asset based successor body to the NDC.

7.3 The priorities for this Delivery Plan are based on an assessment of performance measured against the NDC's performance framework using the findings of the MORI Resident's Survey undertaken in November 2008.

7.4 Capital funding will be fully invested by March 2009 and therefore the 2009/2010 investment programme comprises only revenue projects. The programme includes a number of cross cutting projects which will deliver outputs across the three themes.

Neighbourhood Services - Housing, Environment and Crime

7.5 This theme will seek to build on the success of previous partnership working with the police and youth offending service that aims to prevent offending amongst young people. The theme will also continue to work with resident associations in the area to support their capacity to achieve improvement in their local services

Health, Social Care, Sport and Leisure

7.6 The main focus will continue to be strengthening partnership working, supporting smoking cessation and increasing levels of physical activity which are priority targets of the NDC and LAA. There will be a renewed focus on the health needs of younger people.

Education, Employment and Enterprise

7.7 The NDC will work closely with partner agencies/stakeholders to ensure that local residents and businesses are supported to withstand the challenges of the economic downturn.

8. Chief Financial Officer Comments

8.1 The NDC Delivery Plan for 2009/10 is fully funded by Government grant of £1.557m and as such will have no direct financial implications for the Council. The indicative allocation for 2010/11, the final year of the NDC programme, is £275k. These amounts are still subject to formal approval of the funding allocations from GOL and DCLG.

8.2 No capital projects are to be delivered in 2009/10.

8.3 Further discussions are to take place on the formation of a company limited by guarantee leading to charitable status as part of a health-based and asset based successor body to the NDC; the Delivery Plan has a target to set up this company in April 2009. These discussions will need to identify on-going costs of the company and the funding available from the Laurels and other available income streams.

9. Head of Legal Services Comments

9.1. The Head of Legal Services supports the recommendations on the NDC Delivery Plans and only wishes to comment that a separate report on the NDC's succession and legacy will need to be presented for decision at a later date.

10. Head of Procurement Comments – [Required for Procurement Committee]

10.1 Comments not required

11. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments

11.1 The NDC Partnership is working to actively engage all its communities in the Seven Sisters area. The NDC Board and Staff are committed to implementing Haringey Council's equality policies. Delivery partners for the 2009/2010 Delivery Plan must also demonstrate commitment to equal opportunities policies and

practices with regards to staff recruitment and service delivery. The NDC monitors and measures equality outputs and outcomes on either a quarterly or monthly basis which informs the decision to take any corrective action if appropriate.

12. Consultation

12.1 The Bridge NDC is a community based programme with a local resident majority led Partnership Board. The Resident Board Members act as a consultative body on behalf of the community.

12.2 Consultation with residents and local businesses has informed the development of the projects included in the Programme.

12.3 MORI undertook a Household Survey of 500 residents in November 2008 which has informed the priorities set out in the Delivery Plan

13. Service Financial Comments

13.1 The 2009/10 Delivery Plan requires a budget of £1,557,000; this is subject to Government Office for London (GoL) and the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) final confirmed approval in March 2009. This would leave £275,000 for the final year to programme end. The NDC was informed of these indicative budget amounts by DCLG in 2008.

	2009-10	2010-11	Total
Revenue	1,557,000	275,000	1,832,000
Capital	0	0	0
Total	1,557,000	275,000	1,832,000

13.2 DCLG is currently discussing with GoL a difference in the NDC's assessment of total NDC grant spent to date with their assessment. Resolution of this discussion in favour of the NDC could result in additional funding being made available. This would increase the budget in 2009/10 to £1,690,500 resulting in an extra £133,500 potentially being available for revenue projects. Detailed evidence to support the NDC's position was submitted to GOL and DCLG in July 2008. Additional contingency projects will be developed and presented to a subsequent Board meeting for approval for investment of this funding should it become available.

13.3 NDC funding is externally sourced and is paid monthly. Haringey Council acts as the Accountable Body for the NDC and holds the funds. Officers of the NDC and Haringey Council meet at regular intervals to discuss progress in programme delivery. The NDC costs are all fully paid and do not impact upon the Council's mainstream budget. The NDC operates within Haringey Council's financial regulations and codes of practice.

13.4 The Bridge NDC Programme also maximises match funding from delivery partners and therefore brings much needed additional funding into Seven Sisters and Haringey more generally.

14. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs

14.1 Appendix A – Bridge NDC's Delivery Plan 2009/2010

15. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

15.1 DCLG Programme Note 45 – Details of spend 2008/09 and bids for 2009/10

15.2 DCLG Programme Note 45 – Guidance on requirements for (NDC) succession strategies and the approval process